

**REMARKS**

**I. THE NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT**

Claim 1 is further amended herein to respond to the September 29, 2006 Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment ("Notice"). The remaining claims appear as they appeared in the Amendment submitted on April 11, 2006 and on July 12, 2006. Although the Notice indicates that revision of claim 2 is also required, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 2 appears to be in order. This Amendment is to replace the April 6, 2006 and the July 12, 2006 Amendments.

**II. CONCLUSION**

Early consideration and prompt allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Office require anything further, it is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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